

Remarks

The specification was objected to on the ground that the description of 'QPSTB' was less than a full, clear and complete botanical description of 'QPSTB' and the characteristics which define 'QPSTB' and distinguish 'QPSTB' from related cultivars and antecedents.

Applicant believes that the application provides a botanical description that is sufficiently complete to satisfy the statutory requirements and respectfully traverses any requirement for additional information.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended the specification as follows, to more clearly describe 'QPSTB'.

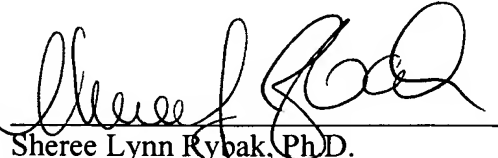
- A. The application now contains page numbers as suggested by the Examiner.
- B. Spelling of the word "colour" has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner.
- C. The height and width of an example tree is now included in the specification on page 4, line 4.
- D. Information on the flowers is not yet available. Applicant expects that the tree will bloom in April. If still required by the Examiner, Applicant will file a supplemental amendment with this information when it is available.
- E. Information on the acorn is not currently available, and will not be available until the fall. If still required by the Examiner, Applicant will file a supplemental amendment with this information when it is available

In view of these amendments, Applicant requests that the objections and rejections set forth in the Office action be withdrawn, and a Notice of Allowance issued. If any minor issues remain before a Notice of Allowance is issued, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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